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In re patent application of Takeshi OGINO et al.

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For: **MOISTURE-ABSORBENT/RELEASABLE HEAT-GENERATING  
INTERMEDIATE MATERIAL, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND  
MOISTURE-ABSORBENT/RELEASABLE HEAT-GENERATING HEAT-  
RETAINING ARTICLE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 5, line 3, delete "or 4".

Claim 10, line 3, delete "or 9".